

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 2-4, 10, 12 and 17-20 have been cancelled, while claims 1 and 16 have been amended for clarity. In addition, new claims 21 and 22 have been added and claim additional features of the invention.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12 and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,005,597 to Barrett et al.

The Barrett et al. patent discloses a method and apparatus for program selection, in which the program signals from a plurality of receivers are previewed in a main display window and a number of sub-windows, the user of the apparatus selecting the program to be watched from the displayed previews.

The subject invention relates to the receiving of a plurality of programs and the selection of one of the programs to be reproduced. In particular, as claimed in claim 1, the receiver includes "a user interface coupled to said controller for selectively displaying a listing of programs to which the plurality of program receiving devices are tuned, in which a central program in said listing corresponds to the program currently being displayed on said reproduction device", and "a user control for incrementally selecting a next desired program to be displayed from said listing of programs", "wherein each time said user control increments by one program to a next desired program to be displayed

from said listing of programs, said controller controls the switch to select the corresponding program receiving device, and causes the program receiving device tuned to the lowest program in said listing to tune to the next higher program of said plurality of programs to be included in said listing, and each time said user control decrements by one program to a next desired program to be displayed from said listing of programs, said controller controls the switch to select the corresponding program receiving device, and causes the program receiving device tuned to the highest program in said listing to tune to the next lower program of said plurality of programs to be included in said listing". These features of the invention are shown in Figs. 3-5 and described in the specification on page 3, line 3 to page 4, line 2.

Applicant submits that the prior art neither shows nor suggests such a user interface and user control, and the corresponding interrelation of the user interface, user control and the controller to display the desired programs.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the subject invention, as claimed, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art, and as such, is patentable thereover.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1, 5, 9, 15, 16, 21 and 22, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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